

Alaska FASD Partnership
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductions

Lanny Mommsen, Mike Jeffery (Utqiagvik), Jenn Wagaman (Fairbanks), PJ Hatfield-Bauer (Seward), Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus (Kiana), Vickie Tinker (Kenai), Teri Tibbett (Juneau)

II. Member Updates

Mike reported on a grant written by Australians through Rotary International that supported a team from Alaska, including Marilyn Pierce-Bulger, Tami Eller, Monica Charles, himself, and others, to tour Australia and do presentations to police, schools, and vocational training. The program, “Making FASD History in the Northern Gold Fields,” is promoted nationwide, especially in aboriginal areas. A professional FASD-informed network is being formed and the Alaskan delegates were invited to be part of it. Mike also reported he will be teaching about FASD to high school health classes in Utqiagvik.

Jenn reported she’s working with Hope on FASD training.

PJ announced she graduated with her Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She is also working with Deb Evensen to promote an FASD family support group in Seward for people and families impacted by FASD.

Jeanne reported that she and Tami presented *FASD into Action* recently, including at the *Full Lives Conference*. Maniilaq Health Services has begun offering intensive case management for people with addiction disorders.

Lanny reported the upcoming FASD 5-year planning workgroup will happen on May 16, 9-11am.

Vickie is participating in a pilot project on the Kenai Peninsula families bringing Kee Warner, from Whitecrow Village, to offer a camp in Homer, followed by a forum for parents of adult children with FASD.

Teri is tracking legislation that impacts people with mental illness, addiction disorders, and cognitive impairments. She is working with the Outreach and Engagement workgroup of the statewide FASD 5-year planning workgroup in addressing FASD materials, community education, advocacy, evaluation, strategizing, and recruiting new advocates.

III. Legislative Update, Priorities

See attached, “2019 Legislative Priorities” white paper.

Partnership BUDGET priorities: full funding for Medicaid, behavioral health grants, Nome Youth Facility, Therapeutic Courts, Office of Public Advocacy, Public Defender Agency, Adult Public Assistance, and Alaska Civil Legal Services Fund.

Partnership BILL priorities: extending the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, insurance for telehealth services and expanding who can provide telehealth services, healthcare workforce development through loan repayment and medical provider incentives, crime bills, and a rewrite of the state’s alcohol laws.

IV. Announcements. None.

V. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2019.